

Homegoing Celebration



**COMMEMORATIVE RITES
For
SUPERINTENDENT JAMES E. BRIGGS**

Sunrise

August 22, 1912

Sunset

September 12, 1998

Funeral Service

Tuesday, September 22, 1998 - 11:00 A.M.

Emanuel Church of God in Christ

1649 Hayes Street
San Francisco, California

Officiating

Bishop Chandler David Owens

*The Right Reverend Bishop of The
Churches of God in Christ*

The Obituary

ELDER JAMES ELEMBRIE BRIGGS was born August 22, 1912 to Mr. Peter Briggs and Mrs. Lula Bailey-Briggs of Atkins, Arkansas. He was the ninth of their nine children. He attended and completed elementary and high school in Arkansas. He attended Simpson Bible College, which was on Silver Avenue in the late 70's into the 1980's in San Francisco, California.

He served in the United States Army as Army Specialty: Truck Driver in early 1941, Fort Knox, Kentucky. In 1942 as Auto Mechanic in Fort Lewis, Washington. He met and married Mrs. Hortense Lee McKitric on August 18, 1941. There was no biological children to this union. But three by way of foster children care, Ms. Denia Briggs, Mr. Eric Briggs and Ms. Vachel Briggs Maurvo. Reverend and Sister Briggs operated and maintained a small family Boarding Home for children. Elder Briggs worked for the City and County of San Francisco as a driver for the Municipal Railway. He also worked as public worker on night shift. After he opened his First Church Rehoboth Mission C.O.G.I.C. located two buildings from the corner of Haight and Masonic Avenue. He worked untirely in this church which he loved. He had served in numerous positions in the church before pastoring and he was ordained under the late Bishop E.E. Hamilton. In later years he was appointed Pastor of Emanuel C.O.G.I.C. at 1649 Hayes Street by the late Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. and installed by the late Bishop S.R. Martin in 1973.

He received numerous awards and recognition awards from civil leaders, trade unions and religious leaders. To name a few, for they are too many to list. Local #261 as a Delegate to the Northern District Council in August 1974. An award for the 75th Anniversary of the Church of God in Christ by Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. As a "Special Emissary" on August 1, 1982. Special Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievement in Religion, Education and Civil Affairs in the Community, State and National on October 2, 1980 by the Dickerson Brothers Christian Allegiance of America, Inc. He was a member of Saint Center Share Holders Club. He received a Certificate of Recognition for support and prayers to the Foreign and Mission by Bishop Archie Buchanan, Japan Jurisdiction. Elder J.E. Briggs was appointed District Superintendent in 1974 to the Melchisedec District with Missionary Alfon Webb as District Missionary. He served also with Missionary Lula Humphrey and with Missionary Robbie Hines and Missionary Florence Webb.

He married Missionary Hazel Lousie Howard on October 9, 1989. Elder Briggs started The Emanuel Achievement Program for the children and members and for the community.

His health began to fail him in 1992, but he continued to work. He was admitted into Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco on September 5, 1998. He departed this life on Saturday, September 12, 1998 at Kaiser.

He leaves in memories, his devoted wife: Missionary Hazel Briggs; four foster children: Ms. Karen Briggs of Nashville, Tennessee, Ms. Denia Briggs of Richmond, California, Mr. Eric Briggs of San Francisco, California and Ms. Vachel Briggs Maurvo of San Francisco, California; one step-daughter: Mrs. Veronica Augustine; one step-son-in-law: Mr. Carl Augustine; nephews: Deacon Frank Anderson, Sr. of Morrilton, Arkansas, Elder Earl Anderson, Sr. of San Francisco, California, Mr. James Briggs of Sacramento, California; great nephew: Supt. Frank Anderson, Jr., First Administration Assistant of Arkansas Jurisdiction of Russellville, Arkansas; two nieces by prior marriage: Ms. Bessie Wilson of Pittsburg, California, Ms. Karen Briggs of Nashville, Tennessee; great nieces: Mrs. Marian Greenfield of San Francisco, California and Mrs. Marleen King of San Francisco California; nine grandchildren; a host of great-grand nieces and nephews and many friends and those that called him "Dad".

Dr. E.J. O'Neal Master of Ceremonies

The Order Of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Presiding Bishop
Administrative Assistants
Superintendents
Elders
Pallbearers

Jurisdictional Bishop
Executive Board
Pastors
Ministers
Family

A PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament
The New Testament

Supt. James Rice

Supt. L.A. Larkins
Supt. J.A. Jennings

A SOLO

SPECIAL REMARKS - 1st District Pastors
Elder Charles Webb
Elder Anderson Hines, Sr.

"As I Know Him"
Elder George Dorns
Missionary L. Humphrey-Davidson

A SOLO

"Beautiful Garden Of Prayer"
Bro. Darryl Durham

EXPRESSIONS (Three Minutes Each - Please)

SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION
PASTOR REPRESENTATION
ELDER REPRESENTATION

Supt. Jessie Grant
Elder Alvin Swindell
Elder Alexander Houston

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT
Mother Louise Perodia

Mother Mary Welch
Supervisor of California N.W.

RESOLUTIONS Missionary Dorothy Herron

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Missionary Joyce Sneed

THE OBITUARY (Read Silently)

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Bishop W.W. Hamilton
California N.W. Jurisdiction, Presiding Bishop

A SOLO Elder Claudell Heuy

THE EULOGY The Right Reverend Bishop Chandler David Owens
Presiding Bishop Of The Churches of God in Christ

CLOSING PRAYER

THE PARTING VIEW

THE RECESSIONAL Musical Postlude

Appreciation

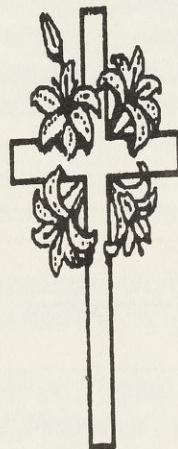
The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought, deed, attentiveness and attendance. May the promises of the scriptures be our peace for tomorrow and our comfort always.

The Active Pallbearers

James Briggs
Tyrone Moore
Tyrone Anderson

Carl Augustine
Harold Briggs
Larry Anderson

The Interment
OLIVET MEMORIAL PARK
Colma, California



Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

The Bryant Mortuary
635 Fulton Street
San Francisco, California 94102
415/ 861 - 4559

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The Nominating Committee
September 22, 1998